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SUBJECT: MILITARY PUBLICATION FOR IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 0398

1. BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE SANDERS RECENTLY RECEIVED FIRST AUTHORITATIVE IRAQI REACTION TO U.S. MILPUBS TURNED OVER TO ARMY IN SEPTEMBER. BOTH DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING AND DIRECTOR OF INFANTRY EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION AND MADE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR MORE:

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FOLLOWING PERIODICALS (20 COPIES EACH): ARMY DIGEST; INFANTRY; ARMOUR; COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL; AND COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND JOURNAL.

3. RECOMMEND THAT IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST SUBSCRIPTIONS BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY AND BOTH PERIODICALS AND BILLS BE ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING, DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, BAGHDAD. C/O DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SENT TO IRAQ INTERESTS SECTION, EMBASSY OF INDIA, 1801 P STREET, N.W. WASH, DC 20036. IF PUBLISHERS CONCERNED ABOUT PAYMENT, I RECOMMEND BILLS FOR ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS BE SENT FIRST WITH NOTATION THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS PAYMENT RECEIVED.

4. TWO OTHER PUBLICATIONS REQUESTED ARE "PATROLING AND AMBUSHING" AND "AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AND PATROLING."

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BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS USEFULNESS IN CURRENT KURDISH INSURGENCY,

I RECOMMEND AGAINST PROVIDING THESE PUBLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

5. BRITISH MILATT BELIEVES ON BASIS HIS CONTACTS THAT IRAQI ARMY HAS MADE FIRM DECISION TO STICK WITH BRITISH TACTICAL DOCTRINE DESPITE FACT THAT VAST MAJORITY OF EQUIPMENT IS SOVIET. FO THIS AND OTHER REASONS PREVIOUSLY PUT FORWARD, IT WOULD SEEM CLEARLY IN U.S. INTERESTS TOCONTINUE BEING RESPONSIVE TO THESE PUBLICATIONS REQUESTS.

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